## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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## **ORDER**

Plaintiff Victor Keeylen sued defendant Nurse Jonathan Grimes. On August 31, 2020, Mr. Keeylen filed a motion for summary judgment against Mr. Grimes. Dkt. 265. Less than a month later, on September 10, 2020, Mr. Keeylen filed a motion titled, "Plaintiff's Request to the Courts that Defendant J. Grimes Admissions and/or Interrogatories be Entered as True and Factual." Dkt. 268. Mr. Grimes opposed both motions. *See* dkts. 267 and 272. No reply was filed. Mr. Keeylen argues in both motions that he is entitled to relief because Mr. Grimes failed to timely respond to his discovery requests. In response, Mr. Grimes argues that the pending motions are better understood as motions to compel. For the reasons explained below, Mr. Keeylen's motion for summary judgment, dkt [265], and motion to accept as true requests for admissions, dkt [268], are denied.

The relevant discovery requests were filed in March 2020. On March 20, 2020, Mr.

Keeylen filed his Request for Interrogatories for Defendant J. Grimes. See dkt 216. On March 23,

2020, Mr. Keeylen filed his Request for Admission for Defendant J. Grimes. See dkt 217.

These requests were made before Mr. Grimes was a party in this case. Mr. Grimes was first

named as a defendant in the Second Amendment Complaint which was filed on April 3, 2020. Dkt.

221. On June 30, 2020, the Court issued an Entry Screening Second Amended Complaint and

Directing Further Proceedings, allowing Mr. Keeylen to proceed against Mr. Grimes. Dkt. 245.

Mr. Grimes argues that Mr. Keeylen is not entitled to any relief because the discovery

requests served prior to June 30, 2020, were premature. Mr. Grimes served his response to the

written discovery requests on September 21, 2020. Dkt. 272 at p. 2.

The record reflects that Mr. Keeylen's discovery requests to Mr. Grimes were premature.

Mr. Grimes has now responded to those requests. These facts are insufficient to support a motion

for summary judgment or to deem a request for admissions admitted. Accordingly, Mr. Keeylen's

motion for summary judgment, dkt [265], and motion to accept as true requests for admissions,

dkt [268], are **denied**.

SO ORDERED.

Date: 11/3/2020

James Patrick Hanlon

United States District Judge

James Patrick Hanlon

Southern District of Indiana

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